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Dear Sisters, Daughters of Wisdom,
dear Brothers of Saint Gabriel and dear Fathers and Brothers of Montfort Missionaries.

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of Mary is an invitation to give thanks to God - Trinity for His great love for humanity. Jesus Christ, the Lord, was sent to us by the intercession of Mary, the loving Mother, and the first disciple of Jesus, her Son.

God's unlimited love for humanity is renewed every day in the mysterious and surprising ability of human beings to love and be loved. It is love translated into gestures of solidarity, service and closeness to one another.

The closer we are, the more we care and support each other, the more we participate in God's creative project. Mary, the Immaculate Mother, reflects the perfection of the One who created her, reflects the perfection of the creation of the world, our "common home", reflects the will of God for all humanity: *"Be holy as your heavenly Father is holy"* (Mt 5.48).

This is what I wish each of us, happy members of the Montfortian Family, united by the same spiritual heritage of Saint Louis-Marie de Montfort, that Mary Immaculate is our inspiration in the search for a perfect charity.

This letter of December 8, 2017 wants to be a mirror that reflects our Montfortian heritage in five Continents, although it does not contain all that we are and what we do for this heritage.

I hope it will be passed on to all members of our communities, divulged to our lay associates, to parish priests, to bishops and episcopal conferences.

The mission continues!

Happy feast of the Immaculate,



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